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Sanders Creek Farm
Reids' Prairie Farm
Paris, Texas.

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Teaching.

Business College.

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Real Estate and Loan Office.

Civil Service Examination.

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War Dept.

Joint Commission

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Corcoran Scientific School.

Berlitz School of Languages.

Georgetown Law School.

Sister Nellie + Eunice.

Readjustment.

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Twice Married

I Buy a House

Vacations.

Resign from War Dept.

Public Shorthand Office

U. S. Dept. Agriculture,

Office of Records.

Office of Seed Distribution.

Travel.

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1911-1914

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Trip to Pacific Coast

Other Seed Inspection Trips.

Service as Chief Clerk of Dept.

Chief of Bureau of Statistics.

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Washington

Buenos Aires

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Barbadoes

Rio de Janeiro

Santos

Montevideo

Buenos Aires

Argentine Dept. of Agriculture

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Life in Argentina

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Ministerio de Agricultura

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Resistencia, Corrientes, + Tucumán.

Statistical Program

The Carriers

Efficiency System

Reports on World Situation of Wheat
and Foreign Crops.

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and Santa Rosa.

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Argentina

Buenos Aires
Bahia Blanca
Guatrache
Santa Rosa
Rosario
Leones
Olivia
Villa Maria
Las Pedras
Cuatro Rios
Pergamino
Junin
Rufino
Guanaco
Dorrego
Guarez
Tandil
Balcarce
Mar del Plata
Montevideo
Mendoza
San Juan
Buenos Aires
Enrique Lavalle
Rosario
Cordoba
Tucuman
Guemes
Salta
Jujuy
Santiago del Estero

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Buenos Aires
Asunción
San Bernardino
River Voyage to
Buenos Aires
Voyage to Brazil
Montevideo
Santos
Rio de Janeiro
São Paulo
Ribeirão Preto
São Paulo
Santos
Buenos Aires
Rafaelo
Mendoza
Santiago
Valparaíso
Pacific Coast Ports
Panama Canal
New York
Washington

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Dec. 4

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Washington

Rome //

Directorship World Agricultural Census Project.

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Rome.

Miscellaneous Activities.

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Sightseeing in Rome.

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With letters inserted }

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Rome

Brussels

The Hague

Bremen

Washington

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Gibraltar

Palermo

Naples

Rome

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World Census of Agriculture Project.

Formulation of Census Questionnaires,

Life in Rome.

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International " " " " Rome.

Tension With Chief of Statistical Division
and the Secy Genl.

Fellow Passenger Friends.

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Range.

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Gen'l Assembly.

Honesty Congress.

— + —

Adoption of Census program.

Preparing for travel.

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1926 - May - July

Rome

Venice

Belgrade

Sofia

Athens

Constantinople

~~Agora~~ Angora

Bucharest

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July + Aug.

Bucharest

Budapest

Vienna

Rome

Prague

Berlin

Warsaw

Riga

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August 4
to
September 5

Riga

Kovno

Moscow

Reval

Helsingfors

Stockholm

Oslo

Copenhagen

1926

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Sept + Oct,

Copenhagen

The Hague

Brussels

London

Edinburgh

Glasgow

Belfast

Dublin

London

Paris

Berne

Zurich

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Sp. 2201-2300

1926

Oct. 10 - Dec. 2_x

~~Rome~~

Zurich

Geneva

Brigue

Rome

Marseilles

Barcelona

Madrid

Lisbon

Madrid

Gibraltar

Algeiras

Casa Blanca

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1927
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January

+

Cairo

Jerusalem

Palestine

Beirut

Alexandria

Cairo.

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Jan. - Feb.

Cairo

Alexandria

Assuan

Luxor

Alexandria

Brindisi

Bari

Rome

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March - June

Washua

Rome

Naples

Washington

Ottawa

Boston

Washington

Kansas City

Mexica "

Vera Cruz

Havana

Santiago

Kingston

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1927 - Pk 2601 - 27-00
Mch. June

Rome
Naples
Washington
Ottawa
Boston
Washington
Kansas City
Mexico
Vera Cruz
Havana
Santiago
Kingston

Pk 2700 - 2799
1927

June July
Kingston
Jamaica
Port au Prince
Santo Domingo
San Juan
Le Gonaïves
Puerto Cabello
Colombo
Colon
Panama
San Diego

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1927 - June + July

Kingston,
Jacmel,
Port au Prince
Santo Domingo
San Juan
La Guayra
Puerto Cabello
Colombo
Colon
Panama
San Diego

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failed me. Cannot see to read + or
the typewriter keys, so that the last
half was written "blind."

March 1934

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Pp. 1801-1900

1927 - July - Sept.

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San Diego

Los Angeles

San Francisco

Honolulu

Kobe

Osaka

Nara

Tokio

Yokohama

Seoul

Mamuria

Peking

Tientsin

Hongkong

Note: Eyes poor + could not
see what I was writing—
March + April 1934.

Ph 2801 - 2900 - 2901 - 3000
1927 July - Sept 1927 Aug - Sept

San Diego
Los Angeles
San Francisco
Honolulu
Kobe
Osaka
Nara
Tokio
Yokohama
Seoul

Seoul
Mukden
Peking
Tientsin
Hongkong
Canton
Hongkong
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Fuzhou
Hongkong

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Pp. 3101-3200

1928 Jan. - March.

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Macassar
Batavia
Singapore
Quala Lumpur
Penang
Banka
Perang
Rangoon
Calcutta
Delhi
Lahore
Bombay.

Museum
Jan 49

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1928 March - June

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Missing
July 49

Bombay

Aden

Djibuti

Djere Dawa

Addis Abeba

Djibuti

Mombassa

Zanzibar

Dar-es-Salaam

Grand Comore

Tamatave

Tananarivo

+

Pt 3201 - 3300 - 3301 - 3400
1928 March - June - Aug

Bombay
Aden
Djibouti
Djibouti
Addis Ababa
Djibouti
Mombassa
Zanzibar
Dar - es - Salaam
Grand Comore
Tamatave
Delagoa Bay
Pretoria
Cape Town
Rio de Janeiro
Santos
Valparaiso
Lima

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1928 - May - Aug.

Tamnatave

Delago Bay

Pretoria

Cape Town.

Santos

Rio de Janeiro

Santos

Montevideo

Buenos Aires

Santiago

Valparaiso

Lima

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1928 { August to
November

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3600

W. H. Murray
July 29

Lima
Panama
New York
Washington
New York
Naples
Rome
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Durazzo
Tirana
Durazzo.

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1928 - Nov.

1929 - Jan.

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Tirana

Barri

Geneva

Genoa

Naples

New York

Washington

New Orleans

Puerto Barrios

Guatemala City

Santa Anna

San Salvador.

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1929 Feb. - March

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San Salvador
La Union
Amapala
San Lorenzo
Tegucigalpa
San Lorenzo
Amapala
La Union
Corinto
Managua
Corinto
Punta Arenas
San Jose
Punta Arenas
Panama
Buenaventura
Esmeralda
Gyaguil
Riobamba
Quito
Riobamba
Gyaguil

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Pp. 31701-31800

1929 - March to May

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Guayaquil

Esmeralda &c

Buenaventura

Cali

Armenia

Girardo

Bogota

Armenia

Girardo

Barranquilla

Puerto Colombia

Curaçao

Puerto Cabello

La Guayra

Caracas

La Guayra

Port of Spain

Georgetown

Port of Spain

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1929 May - August

Port of Spain

~~New~~
~~York~~

New York

Washington

Sunny Hill

Washington

New York

En route to Cherbourg.

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1929 - August - November.

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Cherbourg

Paris

Rome

Genoa

Barcelona

Genoa

Rome

En Route Near Zurich

Ed of Caesar Project work

Pp. 4001-4100.

1929 Nov. & Dec.

1930 Jan. Feb.

Rf 4015

4100

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Rome

New York

Washington

Chicago

St. Paul.

Chicago

Washington.

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End of census project work.

Uncertainty as to future.

Became Asst. to Dir. of Scientific Work.

Assigned to organize First Inter American

Conference on Agriculture.

Thelma has a baby.

Wife becomes ill.

Ohio goes to Florida

Pp. 4101-4200 - 4400

1930 Feb. - June.

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Washington

Gainesville, Fla.

Tampa "

Washington +

Sunny Hill +

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Wife ill

Bought new car

Other Florida trips.

Went for Conference

Estrangement of wife

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1930 - June to October

Washington

Trip to Swaney Hill.

Estrangement of Wife

InterAmerican Conference on Agriculture

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1933 Sept.

1934 July
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Sunny Hill

Eyes fail me from effects
of neuritis.

Otis, Ethel, Thelma + babies return
to Washington from California.

Also 4901 to the end — P 5096.

Last 21 pages a philosophical review
of life and memories, page 66.

These notes (pp 4872-a to 4872-e, appear to be part of a communication from LME to some doctor. The introductory part does not appear.

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It must be said that in view of the his near approach to total blindness, the quality of Mr. Eatenhake's typing is remarkable. An expert typist with unimpaired vision could scarcely have done better.

Later notes. Subsequent pages dealing with trip to Argentina show that year 1934 must have returned,

20 April 1934.

"Memorandum re
"Eye Failure During Last Six Months.

"Previous condition: Excellent.

"Present Condition:

"Cannot read ordinary print or headlines of newspapers.

"Cannot distinguish the road or an automobile on the road
much beyond 300 yards.

"Cannot distinguish 'Stop' or other road signs.

"Cannot recognize faces beyond six feet.

"Distinguish colors with difficulty. Silver and copper coins
look exactly alike.

"Cannot read typewriting or see my own signature as I write it.

"Have experienced absolutely no pain or sense of eye strain.

Strong light not painful as it was six months ago.

"Glasses are of little or no help. For the first time in 40
years I can see about as well without glasses as with them.

"History:

"First twenty years sight was exceptionally keen, quick, and
discriminating.

"At 24 began to have headaches and discovered I could not see
as well in night classes as others. An oculist said I
had slight astigmatism, same in both eyes. Have worn
glasses continuously during waking hours since.

"At 34 got a stronger pair of glasses.

"At 44 got first pair of bifocals.

"At 54 got a stronger pair of bifocals.

"At 64 got still stronger bifocals, but no improvement.

Two months later got a pair of strong glasses for reading
only, but they were useless.

"Previous eye trouble:

"In 1920 I washed my face in a dimly lighted lavatory on the Rome Express and got cinders in my eyes, which became badly inflamed and caused great distress.

"In 1921 I visited my farm when covered with snow and the sun shone brightly. The next day my eyes became badly inflamed and felt as if cinders were in them. Consulted an oculist in Washington, D.C., who said I had 'conjunctivitis,' or something like that. It was cured in two weeks.

"In 1923 similar trouble developed in Argentina after exposure to summer sun and semidesert conditions. Also cured in about two weeks.

"No further attack, but ever since until recently my eyes were exceedingly sensitive to strong light, either natural or artificial, and I formed the habit of carrying colored glasses.

"Conjectures of a layman as to possible causes of present failure:

"(1) Age: 65. Perhaps a change occurs normally at about that age.

"(2) Excessive use: I have been a hard reader, student, and observer for more than 50 years, much of it by artificial light and for long hours continuously.

N.B.--In 1932 I began writing manuscript in shorthand. My shorthand has a tendency to become microscopic and therefore trying on the eyes. In the summer of last year, 1933, I began to transcribe this manuscript on the typewriter. In November I first began to experience difficulty in seeing my notes. I persisted, ~~however,~~ and have finished nearly 3,000 pages of

typewriting. There is yet more to be done.

Also for the last eight or ten years it has been my habit to read an hour or two in bed before sleeping.

"(3) Snow blindness. My eye trouble coincided almost exactly with the first snow fall of last winter. The snow has been almost continuous since until about two weeks ago.

"(4) Sun blindness. I have said that my eyes have been very sensitive to strong light for several years. Twice last fall and twice since the beginning of the year I drove the car up the mountain in the late afternoon with the sun shining directly into my eyes. I was caught without colored glasses and there was no way of avoiding the direct rays. I was blinded and suffered acute pain.

"(5) Health. Uniformly excellent until the last three months, i.e., after the eye trouble developed. Whether the eye trouble was the first symptom of ill health, or a result, or the ill health the result of the depression following loss of eyesight, I cannot say. The ill health takes the form of irregularity and imperfect elimination, loss of appetite, poor circulation in the finger tips and consequent numbness, fleeting neuralgic pains about the body, and occasional tightness of the lungs (I have long suspected I had a chronic form of catarrh.).

"(6) Smoking. Habitually I have smoked from fifteen to thirty cigars every 24 hours the last 20 years or more. Aside from occasional irritation when the smoke gets into my eyes, it has seemed to contribute to my general health and peace of mind. I cannot see that it is a factor, but mention it as a possibility.

"(7) Alcohol. While traveling abroad I acquired the habit of drinking 'in moderation,' especially the excellent and cheap wines of Italy and France. Since returning to the U.S. at the beginning of 1930 I have purchased no alcohol except a few trial cases of the 3.2 beer slop. That was so disappointing that last year I tried my hand at making a considerable quantity of blackberry and grape wine. It also is disappointing, but it has alcohol in it and I have been drinking the equivalent of a bottle a day. That quantity of real wine would be perfectly harmless. But during the days of the 'noble experiment' I recall reading of some kinds of home brew that developed a virulent form of alcohol that caused blindness. It is that recollection that leads me to mention this possible factor, although it seems incredible to me.

"The foregoing was written primarily for my own satisfaction as a record of my present state and ideas concerning it, and partly with the thought that you would be interested. No doubt much of it is irrelevant, but some of it should be relevant and ~~should~~ answer some of the questions you will ask. I know that as a specialist with responsibilities you are busy and pressed for time, but I believe you will be interested in this record of one of your cases.

"What I want, of course, is a diagnosis of the trouble, a prescription--if it will do any good, and a forecast of the probable course of the trouble, to the end that I can make such adjustments as can be made. Were it not for the mental vision of what I have seen--and I have seen more than most men-- I would be 'desolated' at the loss of sight, but because of those memories I am philosophical--

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except for my unfinished book.

"Written for my personal satisfaction and for your information.

Very truly yours,

Leon M. Estabrook.

30 April 1934.

Health History Notes

re Leon M. Estabrook.

Age, 65 (born March 24, 1869).

Childhood, delicate.

Arm, left, broken at elbow from fall, 4th year.

Finger, right third, end cut off, 6th year.

Earache in sixth year.

Leg-ache, knees, at night from eighth to fifteenth year.

Pneumonia in 12th year.

Malaria (periodic chills and fever) several times during youth,
and without chills in 25th year.

Teeth: Trouble began about this time, 25th year, and continued
from time to time until all were removed, except three, in
61st year.

Catarrh, chronic, began about 26th year. Treatment at that time of
no avail and discontinued. Subject to colds in the head for
~~many~~ many years.

Nosebleed frequent until about 50th year.

Neuritis, severe, right side head, neck, shoulder and arm, 46th
year, ending with extraction of four teeth.

Eczema. Began in mild form in 40th year, an intolerable ^titching
following a cold bath and lasting about thirty minutes. Dis-
continued cold baths account of it. It broke out in rather
acute form in 1918, appearing all over the body except face
and head as great welts that began small, enlarged and coalesced.
Each attack lasted about 72 hours, at intervals of a week or
ten days. Seemed to be induced by nervous tension, fatigue,
a chill, or overheating. It lasted for ten years, but gradually

diminished in severity and became less frequent as time went on. Apparently I simply outgrew it. But even yet a light attack may result from any one of the causes I have mentioned.

Typhoid, 1928, contracted in India and cured in hospital at Aden.

Eating: Always a light eater and particular about food, with violent aversion to fats and oils and strong aversion to 'greens.'

Weight: Always underweight. From ~~3~~⁵⁴ 24th to ~~34~~⁵⁴th year my weight with clothing never varied two pounds from 132. Kind, quality, or quantity of food made not the slightest difference.

Smoking: Smoked first cigar in 28th year, enjoyed it, and in ten years became a steady smoker, and then a hard smoker--15 to 30 a day for last twenty years.

Drinking: While traveling abroad 1923 to 1929, inclusive, I acquired the habit of drinking wines and other liquors in moderation. Since returning to U.S. in 1930 I have had only home-made wines and cider--vile stuff.

Work: Active and strenuous 10th to 62d year--farm, school, office, administration, and travel; retired 62d year to mountain farm and complete change of life. Physically too weak for manual labor of any kind I turned to writing--steady and rather long hours.

Health: Except as noted my general health has been excellent and I could set the pace for younger and stronger men either in mental work or travel endurance. Up to December last I felt exceptionally well and had gained slightly in weight.

Recent and present condition: In November last my eyes began to give trouble. By January I could neither read nor write (except on typewriter from long habit). This meant a complete change of life. Both mental and physical depression

followed. Then loss of appetite, irregularity, extreme weakness, fugitive neuritic pains in all parts of body, exhaustion, apathy, and a constant desire to sleep. Along with it was noticeable and painful numbness in my fingers and wrists.

Medical attention: Frankly I have a strong aversion to both doctors and medicines and little faith. Time, patience, and a little common sense usually do the trick. This time the trick has not turned. Last week I arranged for the appointment with Dr. Woods about the eye trouble and with Dr. Hedges of Frederick for general health. He gave me a preliminary examination. Said my heart was OK, blood pressure and temperature below normal, and my troubles were probably due to neuritis, caused by poison from some source, which he would try to determine by elimination. He asked for a sample of urine, but have not heard the result of his examination. He gave me a tonic, unlabeled, but which I suppose is quinine and iron. This has improved my appetite and diminished the desire to sleep.

Leon M. Estabrook.

1 May 1934.

"Notes on Respiratory System
of Leon M. Estabrook.

Age, 65 (Rockford, Ill., March 24, 1869).

Colds, about like other people.

Nosebleed, frequent, with or without apparent cause, from early childhood, becoming less frequent with age and ending almost entirely at 50.

Pneumonia, severe, at 12. Survived by a scratch.

Catarrh, treated for at 26 by specialist in Washington, but without avail. Has continued through the years.

(Note 1). Within last six or eight months have noticed sudden discharge of mucous into nasal or mouth passages, as if it had accumulated in the head and were suddenly released; small flecks of mucous form in and tickle throat and are caught up and expelled.

(Note 2). In recent years dentists have noticed peculiar formation and color of flesh and mucous membrane back of teeth. This was caused by malformed teeth that were extracted many years ago. The teeth were too large and too many for the jaw, were forced out of position, some of them almost at right angles, and cavities were formed in the surrounding tissues to accommodate them.

I am a hard smoker, but began after I was 28 and have never inhaled smoke or retained nicotine in the mouth.

Leon M. Estabrook.

13 May 1934.

"Dear Emma:

"Just think of me as blind and trying to use a strange typewriter and therefore use your imagination in trying to read what I write. I can operate the typewriter from habit but cannot read what I write. I write in desperation because the little Schemer of schemes has not written and will not write until she feels like it.

"We had a terrible winter, the worst in a century. Spring is late, so late that the first furrow was turned here last week. The narcissi came along in fine shape and we were making record shipments until one afternoon a gust came up. There was hail, a gale almost like a cyclone, and then a tremendous rain. The narcissi were finished and completely done for, which meant a loss of about \$300.

"During the last year ~~6~~ we have lost three head of horses. I still have a little old mule that is a wonder for her age. Recently I bought a small horse to go with her. He came from Virginia. He is worth about \$50, but I had to pay \$105 for him.

"After my sight failed I went to ~~B&B~~ Baltimore to consult specialists and after several weeks they are unable to tell me what is wrong. They are simply guessing--to the tune of twenty-five dollars a guess.

"Otis is back in Washington. Ethel and Thelma are on their way and will be back next week. It's too bad. They belong in California, or South Africa, or Australia.

"Sunny Hill looks very attractive so far as I can see. The iris began to bloom last night. The peonies will be blooming in a couple of weeks. I wish you might be here to see them.

"Hoping all is well with you, I and the Schemer of schemes send love and best wishes.

Affectionately,

Uncle Lee.

June 18 1934.

"For Sale, Exchange, or Rent:

Sunny Hill Farms.

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"These two farms are on Catoctin Mountain, on the Shookstown Road, about five miles northwest of Frederick, Maryland, one-half mile south of High Knob and a mile or more north of Braddock Heights. Both are isolated and both command a fine view of Frederick and the surrounding country.

"Upper Sunny Hill runs to the top of the third peak north of Braddock Heights and contains about 66 acres, of which 24 acres are in cultivation and the remainder in woods. It has three dwellings, one of a bungalow of six rooms, with steam heat, modern plumbing, bath, and electricity; the other two picturesque stone cabins; a barn, a double garage, tool, poultry, and other necessary buildings. Most of the cultivated ground is in lawns, orchards, shrubbery, and flower gardens, including three acres in narcissi and three in peonies--both money makers. From the balcony of one of the stone cabins one can see Loudon County on the Virginia side of the Potomac, and across the Monocacy Valley the eastern hills of Maryland and to the hills surrounding Gettysburg. Elevation about 1100 feet. Ideal for a family residence, country retreat, sanitarium, flower farm, trucking, or poultry.

"For sale on easy terms, or exchange, at \$7,000. Rent by the year \$600.

"Lower Sunny Hill, adjoining upper place on side nearest Frederick, contains about 58 acres, of which about 24 is in cultivation and rest in woods. It is improved with a seven room house, water and electricity, a barn and necessary outbuildings. It has a bearing apple orchard of about two acres, also set with peonies, the money

makers, and this season fifteen acres of fine wheat and a good stand of clover and timothy. It has excellent building sites overlooking Frederick and the Valley. An ideal country residence, trucking and poultry farm.

"For sale on easy terms at \$5,000. Rent \$300 a year.

"Both places for sale together on easy terms at \$10,999; for exchange at \$11,000; for rent at \$780 a year.

"Both places within fifty miles of Baltimore and Washington. Cost owner several times price asked.

"Reason for selling or renting: Owner has lost both eyesight and interest in these wonderful and interesting Sunny Hill Farms and can no longer manage them as they should be managed.

20 June 1934.

Messrs. Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

"The form inclosed does not fit my situation. I infer you have had a call regarding my financial situation and therefore note the following for your information:

Assets.

Real Estate:

Residence, 1026 17th St.N.W., Washington, D.C. Assessed at about \$24,000; rents \$75.00 per month; agents, Shannon & Luchs, 1505 H St.N.W., Washington, D.C.; trust, \$3,600.00. Two farms in Frederick Co., Md., known as Upper Sunny Hill and Lower Sunny Hill, 124 acres, 4 dwellings, and other buildings and improvements, including several thousand dollars worth of flower stocks. Value uncertain, but cost me about \$30,000. I operate both farms, live at upper place, and rent dwelling at lower place for \$15 a month. Am offering lower place for \$4,000 and upper place at \$8,000. Only encumbrance is a loan of \$1,000 on lower place by Farmers & Mechanics Bank of Frederick.

Personal Property:

Household goods, library, musical instruments, frigidaire, electric range, etc., farm tools, equipment and livestock, probably about \$2,000.

All property covered by insurance.

Liabilities.

Taxes about \$425.00.

Interest at 6% on \$4,600 secured by real estate, and \$600 secured by life insurance policy.

Insurance, about \$65 annually (paid up for three years).

Income.

Annuity, \$809.00; rents about \$1,000.00; sale of flowers etc.

from \$500 to \$1,500, depending on season and market.

I carry but little cash, but keep a balance of about \$1,000 in Farmers & Mechanics Bank of Frederick and the Hamilton National Bank of Washington, D.C.

I am 65 and retired from the government service in 1931 and came here to live and write. I am listing the two farms for sale simply because their management interferes with my writing and my many years of office work have unfitted me for managing them to the best advantage.

References:

Farmers & Mechanics Bank, Frederick, Md.

The Hamilton National Bank, Washington, D.C.

Shannon & Luchs, 1505 H St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

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I hope the foregoing will answer your purpose.

Very truly yours,

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